

# Irish Fireball Association



## 2022 Ulster Championship 18<sup>th</sup> June - 19<sup>th</sup> June

Hosted by Sutton Dinghy Club

### NOTICE OF RACE

#### 1. Organising Authority

The Organising Authority is Sutton Dinghy Club (SDC) in association with the Irish Fireball Association

#### 2. Rules

This event will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the International Fireball Class Rules in force at the time of the event, this Notice of Race (except as any of these are altered by the Sailing Instructions) and the Sailing Instructions.

#### 3. Limitations of Equipment

International Fireball Class Rule 23 'Limitations of Equipment' SHALL NOT apply to this event.

##### 3.1 Identification

International Fireball Class Rule 20.8 is amended as follows:- Subject to the approval of the Race Committee a boat chartered or loaned for the event may declare at the time of entry or registration a sail number which may be different from the registered number of the hull provided that the number declared shall not be the sail number of any other boat competing in the regatta (References RRS 77, Appendix G).

#### 4. Advertising

The event is designated a Category C event in accordance with Appendix 1. The Organizing Authority may require competitors to display Event Sponsors advertising material as prescribed under Appendix.1 and International Fireball Class Rule 24.

#### 5. Eligibility and Entry

##### 5.1 General

All competitors shall comply with World Sailing Eligibility Rules (RRS Appendix K1). The Regatta is open to boats of the International Fireball Class whose helm and crew are members of a National Fireball Class Association recognised by Fireball International. Proof of membership shall be by means of a Fireball International membership card and boat sticker.

##### 5.2 Entry Procedure & Entry Fee

Competitors may enter by completing the Online Entry on the Sutton Dinghy Club website or via an event entry form, which will be available at registration.

The entry fee will be €65 **or** €60 if done using the Online Entry available on the Sutton Dinghy Club website. If BOTH Helm & Crew are U25 on 1/02/2022 the entry fee will be €35 **or** €30 if done using the Online Entry

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## 5.3 Risk Statement

Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". Sailing by its nature is an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstance.
- (g) The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## 5.4 Insurance

All boats shall have adequate third party insurance cover of not less than €3,000,000 (or the equivalent thereof in any other convertible currency) for any accident. All owners / competitors who sign the entry forms are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover. Owners / competitors not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry.

## 6 Sailing Instructions, Registration & Briefing

Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration and will be posted on the Sutton Dinghy Club events website closer to the event date. Registration will take place Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June from 09:30 - 11:00 hrs. Briefing will take place Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 1100 hrs

## 7. Race Schedule

Six races are scheduled:

- Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2022 - up to 4 races
- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022 - remaining races to complete series of six races

Warning Signal will be at 1200 hrs on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> and 1230 hrs on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>

The schedule of all subsequent races will be as directed in the Sailing Instructions.

No race will be started after 15:30 hrs on the Sunday (except to restart a race which was subject to a general recall).

## 8. Scoring & Prizes

The Low Point Scoring System Rule A4 will apply, modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score discarded according to the table below. 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

Discards applied based on races sailed

1, 2 or 3 races sailed	0 discard
4, 5 or 6 races sailed	1 discard

Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the event as designated by organising authority. Perpetual prizes remain the property of the Irish Fireball Association and must not leave the island of Ireland.

Gold Fleet. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Silver Fleet: 1<sup>st</sup>

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